

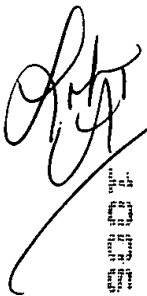
Claims

- [c1] A package comprising a film defining an interior space and comprising a dispensing opening providing access to the interior space for removal of contents, the package further comprising a label for selectively covering and uncovering the dispensing opening, wherein the label has a first portion which is heat sealed or otherwise permanently affixed to the film adjacent to the dispensing opening to form a hinge for the label, and a second portion having on an underside thereof a releasable adhesive for releasably adhesively mounting the second portion of the label to the film over the dispensing opening.
- [c2] A package according to claim 1 and further comprising a pull tab mounted to the second portion of the label distal from the first portion to facilitate peeling back the label from the film to expose the dispensing opening.
- [c3] A package according to claim 2 wherein the pull tab has a perforation or other weakened portion that divides the tab into a pull portion adjacent the second portion of the label and a tamper-evident portion remote from the second portion of the label and wherein the tamper-evident portion of the pull tab is more permanently attached to the film and separates from the pull portion when the distal end of the label is first peeled back from the film.
- [c4] A package according to claim 1 wherein the film comprises a laminated material.
- [c5] A package according to claim 4 wherein the laminated material comprises a polyethylene-backed aluminum foil laminated to at least one layer of polytetrafluoroethylene.
- [c6] A package according to claim 1 wherein the film comprises a liquid-impervious material.
- [c7] A package according to claim 1 and further comprising at least one cut line defining a mechanical hinge between the first and second portions of the label.
- [c8] A package according to claim 7 wherein the at least one cut line defines at least

one tab and a hinge line.

[c9] A package according to claim 8 wherein the at least one tab is heat sealed, or otherwise permanently affixed, to the film.

[c10] A package according to claim 1 wherein the film comprises a thermoplastic heat sealable material and the label comprises a thermoplastic heat sealable material.

 [c11] A film assembly comprising an at least partially die-cut opening, a label attached to the film for alternatively covering and uncovering the at least partially die-cut opening, the label having a releasable adhesive on the underside of a peel portion of the film that covers the at least partially die-cut opening for releasably sealing the label over the at least partially die-cut opening, wherein the label is irremovably attached to the film adjacent to the at least partially die-cut opening through a heat seal at one edge portion of the label adjacent to the at least partially die-cut opening.

[c12] A film assembly according to claim 11 and further comprising a pull tab mounted to the label peel portion distal from the one edge portion to facilitate peeling back the label from the film to expose the opening.

[c13] A film assembly according to claim 12 wherein the pull tab has a perforation or other weakened portion that divides the tab into a pull portion adjacent the peel portion of the label and a tamper-evident portion remote from the peel portion of the label and wherein the tamper-evident portion of the pull tab is more permanently attached to the film and separates from the pull portion when the distal end of the label is first peeled back from the film.

[c14] A film assembly according to claim 11 wherein the film comprises a thermoplastic material and the label comprises a thermoplastic material.

[c15] A film assembly according to claim 11 wherein the film comprises a polyethylene-backed aluminum foil laminated to at least one layer of

polytetrafluoroethylene.

- [c16] A film assembly according to claim 11 wherein the film comprises a liquid-impervious material.
- [c17] A film assembly according to claim 11 wherein the label further comprises at least one cut line defining a mechanical hinge along the one edge portion.
- [c18] A film assembly according to claim 17 wherein the at least one cut line defines at least one tab and a hinge line.
- [c19] A film assembly according to claim 18 wherein the at least one tab is heat sealed, or otherwise permanently affixed, to the film.
- [c20] A film assembly according to claim 11 wherein the film comprises a continuous web with multiple of the at least partially die-cut openings and one of the labels is attached to the continuous web adjacent to each of the at least partially die-cut openings for alternatively covering and uncovering the at least partially die-cut openings.
- [c21] A method of making a package with a dispensing opening and a label for selectively covering and uncovering the dispensing opening, comprising the steps of: at least partially forming the dispensing opening in a thin film; applying a label with a releasable adhesive over the dispensing opening in the film; and heat sealing, or otherwise permanently affixing, the label along one edge to the film adjacent to the at least partially formed dispensing opening.
- [c22] The method according to claim 21 and further comprising the step of forming the thin film into a package.
- [c23] The method according to claim 21 wherein the label is heat sealed to the film.
- [c24] The method according to claim 23 and further comprising the step of filling the package with a dispensable product.